

Soldiers heat up Asian-Pacific Month, Baghdad with cultural song, dance performance

1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- May was Asian-Pacific Heritage Month and Task Force 1st Armored Division and other Soldiers on Baghdad International Airport and Camp Victory celebrated it with a vibrant show that displayed the rich cultures of various nationalities throughout Asia and the Pacific islands.

A traveling cultural-arts show delivered a number of performances around the base camps of the 1AD and 1st Cavalry Division headquarters.

The performers were primarily Soldiers of the Hawaii-based 411th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy), but had additional help from 1AD and 1CD troops.

The presentation represented the Philippines, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Micronesia, Tahiti and New Zealand.

"We tried to represent every

country in the Pacific," said Hawaii native Spc. Jesse Dearman, 411th Eng. Bn.

Soldiers in the program provided dances and song routines from the Asian-Pacific culture, ranging from a Filipino candle dance with feminine movements to the raw warrior chants of the American Samoan men.

Performers were dressed in an array of radiant costumes of beaming colors and tropical flowers. The show was a learning experience for the entertainers and audience alike.

"I knew a little bit about the (Asian-Pacific) heritage, but I wanted to broaden my horizons," said Pfc. Samuel Ioane, Company A, 1st Bn., 36th Infantry Regiment, who joined the show after observing a practice session.

But above all else, the three-hour performance was about having fun.

"This is a chance for us to share the spirit of aloha," said Dearman. "We got to show what good will is all about."



Photo by Spc Jeanine Kinville, 1AD PAO

A Soldier performs a Samoan war chant during Asian-Pacific Heritage Month celebrations.



Photo by Spc. Jeanine Kinville, 1AD PAO

A Soldier performs a Filipino candle dance at the 1st Armored Division Support Command Sunday.



Photo by Sgt. Christopher Stanis, 1AD PAO

Asian-Pacific Soldiers perform a native dance routine at the 1st Armored Division festivities tent at Baghdad International Airport Saturday. The performance was part of a cultural-arts show to celebrate Asian-Pacific Heritage Month.



"Quote" of the Day: *"People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don't know when to quit. Most men succeed because they are determined to."*

- George Herbert Allen (1918-1990), American Football coach, 1966-1977



Spc. Luis Aguilar signals the pump truck operator to stop the flow of fuel to a Blackhawk helicopter during a "hot refuel" at Baghdad International Airport. Aguilar is a fuel specialist with 127th Aviation Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 1st Armored Division. Photo by Staff Sgt. Tony Sailer, 1AD PAO.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

Lesson in Belief

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn't you then first discover how much you really trusted it? May our prayer be, "Lord I believe; help my unbelief."

Oddly Enough...

Drunk Students Adrift on Raft at Sea

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - A band of drunk Dutch students taking a break from exams had to be rescued at sea after a raft they built from empty jerrycans went adrift on the North Sea, the Hague police said Friday.

"The students had made a kind of floating island and ventured out to sea under the influence of alcohol. They were carried into the open sea by the current and had to be rescued," a police statement said.

The group of 15 to 20 students was let off with little more than a stern warning from police who accused them of "irresponsible behavior."

Today in History...

1492

Catholic forces under King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella take the town of Granada, the last Muslim kingdom in Spain.

1758

The French begin bombardment of Madras, India.

1861

The USS *Brooklyn* is readied at Norfolk to aid Fort Sumter.

1863

In the second day of hard fighting at Stone's River, near Murfreesboro, Tenn., Union troops defeat the Confederates.

1904

U.S. Marines are sent to Santo Domingo to aid the government against rebel forces.

1905

After a six-month siege, Russians surrender Port Arthur to the Japanese.

1918

Russian Bolsheviks threaten to re-enter the war unless Germany returns occupied territory.

1942

In the Philippines, the city of Manila and the U.S. Naval base at Cavite fall to Japanese forces.

1943

The Allies capture Buna in New Guinea.

1963

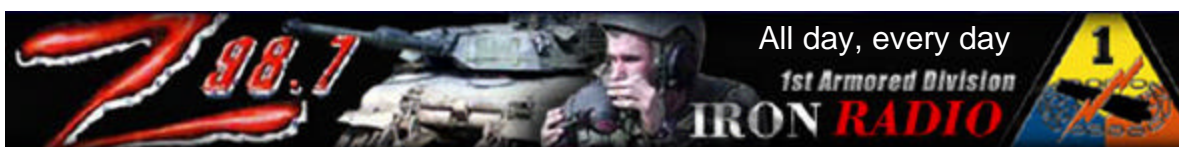
In Vietnam, the Viet Cong down five U.S. helicopters in the Mekong Delta. 30 Americans are reported dead.

1966

American G.I.s move into the Mekong Delta for the first time.

1980

President Jimmy Carter asks the U.S. Senate to delay the arms treaty ratification in response to Soviet action in Afghanistan.



For your Information...

Soldiers of BIAP



Have you heard?
Your APO is
redeploying
again...

The BIAP APO will be closing in June. It is recommended that family and friends do not send anything to you past June 10 to ensure it arrives.

The 55th PSB will hold the final mail call at the BIAP APO for incoming and outgoing mail on June 25. Any postal transactions after this date will be redirected to the 15th PSB at a location to be determined.

Letters and packages received after the unit's transfer of authority will be redirected to the Soldier's forwarding address.

For additional questions concerning the APO, call 551-9525.

Help for Iron Families in the 104th ASG

The extension of 1st Armored Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom has raised many questions in the minds of Soldiers and families stationed throughout the 104th Area Support Group. In order to respond to the needs of Iron Families, the 104th ASG has set up specific information links on their website.

As the morale and welfare of the Soldiers currently deployed to Iraq is being addressed by the 1AD chain of command, the 1AD rear detachment and the 104th ASG are addressing issues on the home front. Realizing that many of the issues faced by deployed Soldiers and families at home often overlap, the 104th ASG website offers a tool with which to address some of those issues.

Specifically for the families in the rear, Stop Loss/Stop Move is still in effect and certain policy exceptions are already in place in order to aid families in a variety of issues ranging from relocating within the 104th ASG to attending DODDS this fall.

For more information, please visit the Q&A site at:
http://www.hanau.army.mil/HanauWeb/04_services/new_sfrontvtc.asp.

MWR DANCE CLASSES!



FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEARN:

**SALSA, MERENGUE, BACHATA
REGUETON (SPANISH HIP HOP)**

TIMES & DATES

Starting on Wednesday 5 May

Tuesday 1900 to 2030

Thursday 1900 to 2030

Saturday 2000 to -----!

We will begin the classes on the "Cinco de Mayo" party!

Instructor: "Angel" POC tent #139, SPC Gonzales

Where: The Aerobics Room in the MWR Tent!

Merengue- Two weeks

Bachata- Two weeks

Salsa- 1 ½ Months

Mixed Sessions on class days!!!

Ex: Bachata, Merengue - Tuesday

Salsa, Regueton- Thursday

"All"- Saturday

We can try to make Saturdays "Salsa Nights" where anyone can come and dance or watch others dance!!!!!!

myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 02, 2004				As of: Tuesday, June 01, 2004 4:35:01 PM	
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS
0:00	AROUND THE HORN				HEADLINE NEWS
0:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS
1:00	MLB - CINCINNATI REDS @ FLORIDA MARLINS	4 QTRS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TAMPER PROOF SEAL	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT
1:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - YOUR SHOES UNITED / SQUID'S DAY OFF		CBS EVENING NEWS
2:00		NBA - PLAYOFFS - EASTERN CONF. FINALS GM 6: INDIANA PACERS @ DETROIT PISTONS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THE LAST TEMPTATION OF HOMER	BLUE'S CLUES - SOMETHING TO DO, BLUE	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN
2:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - RICHIE'S CUP RUNNETH OVER	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	
3:00			SUPER MILLIONAIRE (04') (TVG): - EPISODE 1	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES
4:00	MLB - BOSTON RED SOX @ ANAHEIM ANGELS		STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - RIGHTFUL HEIR	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR
4:30		ESPNEWS			
5:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - EPISODE 13	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS
5:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT
6:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - GULF WAR: SECRETS IN THE SAND	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE
6:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):	
6:30		HEADLINE NEWS			
7:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	INDIAN SUMMER		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN
7:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):	
7:30	TOTALLY NASCAR				
8:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - SOMETHING TO DO, BLUE		BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - OH, YES, IT CAN!	PAULA ZAHN NOW
8:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		TEAMO SUPREMO (TVY): - POGO PANIC/ENTER DR. DROID!	
9:00	NFL EUROPE - AMSTERDAM ADMIRALS @ COLOGNE CENTURIONS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TAMPER PROOF SEAL	POPULAR MECHANICS FOR KIDS (TVY7): - EPISODE 8	NIGHTLINE
9:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - YOUR SHOES UNITED / SQUID'S DAY OFF	LIBERTY'S KIDS (TVG): - CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH	HEADLINE NEWS
9:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):			
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THE LAST TEMPTATION OF HOMER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - RICHIE'S CUP RUNNETH OVER	HEADLINE NEWS	
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):			
11:00			SUPER MILLIONAIRE (04') (TVG): - EPISODE 1	ESPNEWS	PRIMETIME SPECIAL EDITION: (TVPG): - PETER JENNINGS REPORTING: LAPD
11:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):			
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT	
12:00	SPORTS SPECIAL - SOFTBALL - NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES - CHAMPIONSHIP	HEADLINE NEWS	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - RIGHTFUL HEIR	8 SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER (TVPG): - YMCA	THE O'REILLY FACTOR
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		BERNIE MAC SHOW, THE (TVPG): - MAKE ROOM FOR CADDY	
13:00		TODAY	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - EPISODE 13	FEAR FACTOR (TV14): - LAS VEGAS (PT. 2)	GOOD MORNING AMERICA
14:00	TRACK & FIELD - U.S. OPEN		SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - GULF WAR: SECRETS IN THE SAND	THE O.C. (TVPG): - THE NANA	
15:00	NHRA AUTO RACING - O'REILLY NHRA SUMMER NATIONALS: FINALS	BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - OH, YES, IT CAN!	INDIAN SUMMER	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS
15:30		TEAMO SUPREMO (TVY): - POGO PANIC/ENTER DR. DROID!		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING
16:00		POPULAR MECHANICS FOR KIDS (TVY7): - EPISODE 8			THE EARLY SHOW
16:30		LIBERTY'S KIDS (TVG): - CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - TAMPER PROOF SEAL		
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - YOUR SHOES UNITED / SQUID'S DAY OFF	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - THE LAST TEMPTATION OF HOMER	POINT BREAK	FOX NEWS LIVE
18:30	FRENCH OPEN TENNIS - MEN'S QUARTERFINALS	HEADLINE NEWS	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - RICHIE'S CUP RUNNETH OVER		
19:00		8 SIMPLE RULES FOR DATING MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER (TVPG): - YMCA	SUPER MILLIONAIRE (04') (TVG): - EPISODE 1		PRIMETIME SPECIAL EDITION: (TVPG): - PETER JENNINGS REPORTING: LAPD
19:30		BERNIE MAC SHOW, THE (TVPG): - MAKE ROOM FOR CADDY			
20:00		FEAR FACTOR (TV14): - LAS VEGAS (PT. 2)	STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - RIGHTFUL HEIR		FOX NEWS LIVE
20:15	MLB - HOUSTON ASTROS @ CHICAGO CUBS			JACK THE BEAR	
21:00		THE O.C. (TVPG): - THE NANA	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - EPISODE 13		HEADLINE NEWS
21:30					INSIDE POLITICS
22:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - GULF WAR: SECRETS IN THE SAND	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	
22:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS
23:00			INDIAN SUMMER	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE
23:15	SPORTSCENTER				
23:30	AROUND THE HORN	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):			